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Wednesday's weather statistics were not available at presstime. We can say it was raining.

It's like Andre Agassi (our favorite in the French Open) says, "Timing is everything." Or was it Image?

In any event, the timing of Sally Jo Carter's delivery was ironic. Just as we find ourselves reporting the resurgence of the South Carolina student issue, Sally Jo brought us a clipping from the magazine *North Carolina Education*: "The Least Child Oriented Counties."

It would come as no surprise that Polk County ranked 38th nationally, with 19.4 percent of its population aged under 18.

The report comes from the 1991 edition of *American Demographics*. Counties with the lowest share of residents under 18, among counties with 1990 populations of 10,000 or more, were ranked.

Other North Carolina counties making the list were: Watauga County, ranked 12th with 17.1 percent under 18; Orange County, 28th with 18.9 percent; and Macon County, ranked 50th, with 19.8 percent.

What's happening:

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Governor's Proposal Cuts Out-Of-State Students' Funding

The 46 South Carolina students attending Polk County Schools may have to pay nearly \$3,500 per child next year in tuition or go to school elsewhere, if the N.C. governor's budget is approved.

In his budget proposal, Gov. Jim Martin proposes that the state no longer provide tuition funds for out-of-state students. The move would save the state an estimated \$1.2 million now being spent for 400 out-of-state students.

However, after talking with the state budget officer who works on education, a press officer for the governor said Thursday that it appears the issue may be tabled until 1993 so legislators can do further study.

North Carolina has for years allowed school systems to count out-of-state students in their Average Daily Membership (ADM) figures. The state currently pays \$3,200 per student counted in a system's ADM.

Out-of-state students attending Polk County Schools are charged \$274 per family, the local portion of the tuition cost as calculated by the Polk County Board of Education.

If the S.C. students no longer attended Polk County Schools, the loss of revenue to Polk County would be roughly \$160,000, said Polk County

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Jim Caldwell, District Sales Manager of US Air in Asheville, has announced that a round trip ticket for two anywhere in the continental United States will be given to any of the men or women golfers who make a hole-in-one on the 10th hole at Red Fox during the Dean Witter Heart Fund Golf tournament. That is only one of the many prizes that will be awarded. The men's event will be held on Mon., June 15 and the ladies on June 22.

Proceeds from the tournaments will go to the Heart Fund to support research and public education on cardiovascular disease. Pierce Cassidy, who along with Jack Leon, is chairing the event, says, "with all the press coverage given to other diseases, people often forget that heart disease is the number one killer. In fact, it's not even a contest. We want this tournament to bring the message to our community about heart disease and how it can be prevented."

Since golf registrations are limited, golfers are asked to reserve spots early. Entry forms are available at all pro shops in the area.

-Community Reporter

Polk County Schools To Receive OBE, Tech Prep Grants

The N.C. Board of Education has awarded two grants to Polk County Schools, school officials were informed Thursday.

Polk County was awarded a grant to develop its Outcome Based Education (OBE) program into a state model. This grant program runs four years and will provide \$100,000 each year from state funds.

The OBE grant money must be used for "staff development," teacher training through the hiring of consultants and attendance at workshops, as well as training supplies and materials.

The OBE grant money cannot be used for new equipment in the OBE program.

Polk County also will receive a \$50,000 Tech Prep Implementation grant, Causby announced.

Tech Prep is a national trend in education designed to combine academics with technical job skill training. The Tech Prep course of study is to be called Applied Academics in Polk County.

Causby said the Tech Prep grant, which is federally funded, can be used to purchase materials and equipment for the new curriculum. He said the money will help to purchase Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD) systems, as well as teaching apparatus for the

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